

Shame! The honor that is being stolen is that of a genuine hero -- John Kerry. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to interfere with our election is unconscionable. This kind of irresponsible use of television is exactly why the FCC was formed. I think it is clearly time to bring back the Equal Time Provisions of earlier regulatory regimes.

It is also a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. And they show just how low a regulatory agency can sink when it allows such sliming. Thank you. Joan Van Tassel